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## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 be extended for three (3) months until April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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